

**AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 17, 2009
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Dennis Williams, Susie Austin, Harlow Bielefeldt, Lou Hernandez, Susan Andrews, James Pearson, Mike DeMares.

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Introduction of members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as read from the February 17, 2009 meeting.

PRESENTATION

Melissa Emberts, Assistant Director of the Day Report Center and the Alcohol Treatment Court gave an overview of the two programs.

The Day Report Center has been in existence for 2 years now. They have one full time case worker and one full time supervisor. The types of referrals they are getting are from the Huber Facility: second, third and some fourth time OWI offenders, condition of probation referrals from the court system and direct sentence referrals from the Judicial System. They are experiencing more direct referrals from Judges than the Huber Facility at this time. They can carry a caseload up to 50 participants. They currently they have 35 participants.

Their dream is to offer a "one stop shop" for services. They would like to add employment services, GED and HSED services, medication assistance, housing services and substance abuse assessment and possible treatment services.

Both the Day Report Center and the Alcohol Treatment Court are in need of gas cards, bus passes, phone cards and clothing vouchers for their participants. Transportation is one of the biggest obstacles for participants.

Statistics for Day Report:

January 2008 to December 2008- assessments 325, 48 from court and 117 from Huber. Ethnicity- 4 African American, 1 Asian, 154 Caucasian, 10 Latino, 1 Native American, 1 other. 33 females and 138 males. They have had 124 completions to the program which is a 90% completion rate. 14 or 10% discharged before completion.

The average stay is about 40 days and 5,229 jail days were saved in 2008.

The Alcohol Treatment Court has been with WCS for 3 years now. They have one full time case worker and one full time supervisor. They can accommodate a caseload of 55 participants. Waukesha County is applying for an Enhancement grant to help cover the cost of evaluating the program and other services like incentives for participants and SCRAM monitoring. The

participants are in custody from 15 to 30 days on average and then SCRAM bracelet for another 15 days.

Statistics for Alcohol Court:

January 2008 to December 2008 - 75 participants, current case load is 54 participants, 89 applications were submitted of which 50 were accepted. Ethnicity - 70 Caucasian, 5 Latino, 62 male and 13 female. They had 12 graduates and they estimate that 1,741 jail days were saved.

The SCRAM bracelet costs the participant \$12.50 a day and random drug screens are done regularly. Transportation is a huge barrier for participants in both programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike DeMares suggests that the committee keep some of the unmet needs from 2009: Keep frozen AODA position and have that position go to the Day Report Center; continue existing programs at current level of funding and continue to support the Alcohol Treatment Court.

Dennis brought up discussion on ambulatory detox. Discussion followed. The group also discussed the homeless situation, that St. Matthias will be closing April 30, 2009 and the Salvation Army will not be able to take on the overflow. The committee suggested that when the topic of winter housing comes up again that an AODA Staff person be present at future meetings.

CITIZEN MEMBER REPORT

None

COUNTY AODA STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Hebron House is requesting help from the AODA Community to help their residents' access AODA treatment and recovery. Susan said she will be talking to the Waukesha County AODA Volunteers and that Shirlee Bedard will be available to go to the homeless shelters if needed.

James Pearson handed out flyers on ARC programming.

ADJOURNMENT

Harlow Bielefeldt made a motion, seconded by Susie Austin to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted on and passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

Approved on _____
Date